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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 25, 2003

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SELECT SERVICES OF  
VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2003-00039

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On March 14, 2003, Verizon Select Services of Virginia Inc. ("VSSI-VA" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and further requested that the Commission grant VSSI-VA interim authority to bid to provide local exchange telecommunications services to the government of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On March 21, 2003, WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"), filed a Notice of Participation as a Respondent and Opposition to the Application of VSSI-VA noting WorldCom's intent to participate in this matter and requesting that VSSI-VA's application for interim authority to bid be denied.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that VSSI-VA's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on VSSI-VA's application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

We decline to rule on VSSI-VA's request for "interim authority . . . authorizing it to bid to provide local exchange telecommunications services to the Commonwealth pursuant to RFP No. 2002-33." VSSI-VA has not presented sufficient legal and factual basis upon which interim bidding authority may be properly granted and, furthermore, has not demonstrated that VSSI-VA needs Commission approval to bid. The terms of the Commonwealth's Request for Proposal ("RFP") is a matter between the entity making the RFP and the entities bidding upon it.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2003-00039.

(2) On or before April 15, 2003, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION  
BY VERIZON SELECT SERVICES OF VIRGINIA INC.  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE  
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES THROUGHOUT  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
CASE NO. PUC-2003-00039

On March 14, 2003, Verizon Select Services of Virginia Inc. ("VSSI-VA" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from VSSI-VA's counsel, David W. Ogburn, Jr., Esquire, Verizon Select Services of Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2441.

Any person desiring to comment on VSSI-VA's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments in writing on or before April 29, 2003, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed below and shall serve a copy of the same on or before April 29, 2003, upon VSSI-VA's counsel at the address set forth above.

Any person may request a hearing on VSSI-VA's application by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing on or before April 29, 2003, with

the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing should be conducted. Persons filing a request for hearing shall serve a copy of their request on or before April 29, 2003, upon VSSI-VA's counsel at the address set forth above.

All written communications to the Commission concerning VSSI-VA's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC-2003-00039.

VERIZON SELECT SERVICES OF VIRGINIA INC.

(3) On or before April 15, 2003, Applicant shall provide a copy of the notice contained in ordering paragraph (2) to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) Any person desiring to comment in writing on VSSI-VA's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before April 29, 2003, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. On or before April 29, 2003, a copy of such comments shall be served on VSSI-VA's counsel, David W. Ogburn, Jr., Esquire, Verizon Select Services of Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, Suite 1100, Richmond,

Virginia 23219-2441. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC-2003-00039.

(5) On or before April 29, 2003, any person wishing to request a hearing on VSSI-VA's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUC-2003-00039 and shall state the following:

- (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party;
- (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known;
- (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action;
- and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter.

Copies shall also be served on the Applicant at the address set forth above.

(6) On or before May 13, 2003, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of VSSI-VA's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before May 27, 2003.

(8) On or before June 6, 2003, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any responses to the Staff Report or parties'

objections and requests for hearing. A copy of the response shall be delivered to Staff and the other parties by overnight delivery.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Parties shall provide to the Applicant, other additional parties, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their requests for hearing, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(10) The Applicant shall respond promptly to requests from interested parties for copies of the Application and shall provide one copy of same free of charge to the requesting party.

(11) This matter is continued generally.